Council of Health and the Central Family Welfare Council, held at New Delhi in 1983, had recommended for setting up of a National Food Quality Board by the Central Government to evolve policies and strategies for prevention of food adulteration in the country;

(b) whether the proposed Board has since been set up;

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what are the details of the activities of the said Board during the current year so far; and

(d) if the answer to part (b) above be in the nagative, by when the said Board is likely to be set up?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The recommendations are under consideration.

Development of anti-leprosy vaccine

976. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made so far regarding development of an antileprosy vaccine by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; and

(b) what is the present stage of the proposal which was submitted to WHO for economic assistance for procurement of material and equipment under the National Leprosy Eradication Programme in 1982-83?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) Anti-leprosy vaccine has been prepared out of ICRC bacilli by the Indian Cancer Research Centre, Bombay and from an allied acid fast organism by Prof. G.P. Talwar of All India Institute of Medical Sciences and both these vaccines are under trial. Dr. J. Convit of Venezuela, South America has also developed a vaccine by mixing live BCG germ with killed Armadillo Derived Lepra Germ. WHO has also selected some areas in Tamil Nadu to try the vaccine prepared under the Thelep Programme in India.

(b) The proposal for procurement of material and equipment under the WHO country budget Cyclo 1982-83 was materialised by WHO in 1982-83 itself by placing orders for the procurement of these items.

क्यूल साहेबगंज लूप लाइन का दोहरी लाइन में बदला जाना

977. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्यूल साहेबगंज लूप लाइन को कब तक दोहरी लाइन में बदल दिये जाने का विचार है और इस सम्बन्ध में अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि पूर्व रेलवे में लूप लाइन पर बरियारपुर स्टेशन का भवन बहुत छोटा है, प्लेटफार्म नीचा और आकार में छोटा हैं, पेय जल का अभाव है वहां दो की जगह केवल एक ही बुकिंग कलर्क है और इस स्टेशन पर उपस्कर की बड़ी कमी है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इन सुविधाओं में कब तक सुधार किये जाने की संभावना है;

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि यद्यपि इस रेलवे स्टेशन पर भागलपुर–बम्बई जनता रेलगाड़ी का हाल्ट तो दिया गया किन्तु इस स्टेशन से आरक्षण का कोटा न होने के कारण यात्रियों को टिकट या तो जमालपुर